

Marion Finance Committee (Remote) Meeting March 31, 2021

Remotely in attendance: Shay Assad, Peter Winters, Jay Pateakos, Margie Baldwin with Associate members Charlie Larkin, John Menzel as well as Jay McGrail, Judy Mooney, John Waterman and Codie(ORCTV).

Meeting was called to order remotely at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes of the March 24th meeting were approved.

Judy Mooney reported two article changes in the previously recommended town meeting warrant from last meeting. Due to a change in transportation billing between the town and the ORR school district that comes, down to a basic accounting shuffling, Mooney reported article 2 is now \$25,301,061 and with it a 2.13% increase overall. The committee recommended article 2 as amended. Under article 20, known as the Lagoon article, McGrail said the town conducted a survey to determine how much sludge is actually left in the lagoon. The results showed there were 70 tons of additional sludge then initially determined, bringing the entire project up to 370 tons. With a 15% contingency, McGrail said article 20 would now need to total \$2.74M to get the lagoon cleaned up and comply with the EPA and DEP consent decree. The committee voted to recommended article 20 and its increase from the prior \$2.43M.

McGrail went through CPC articles 23-34 including town house annex project, veteran grave markers, Silvershell beach fence replacement and more. The committee chose to not recommend any of the articles, as they have no financial impact. Article 44 will see the town change the name of the Board of Selectmen to Select Board and the committee voted to make no recommendation due to no financial impact. McGrail said article 45 through the assessors has been withdrawn and all the following numbers will move up one in numerical order for the final town meeting warrant. McGrail went through article 46 on zoning, and articles 47-52 receiving a no recommendation vote from the committee due to a lack of financial impact. McGrail said all that was left to vote on was the reserve fund transfer and Planning Board articles that have yet to have a public hearing.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. The next Fincom meeting will be Wednesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. remotely.

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